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THE total attendance at the world's fair, July 4 is estimated at 150,000.

GEORGE M. LAIEUZ, an expert swimmer, dived from the Eads bridge at St. Louis, July 4 and was drowned.

ONLY 200 delegates from 23 states attended the Populist national convention held at Springfield last week.

AN unidentified man was killed in St. Joseph July 4 by the explosion of a giant fire-cracker which he held in his hand.

REPORTS from the apple-growing districts of Missouri indicate a small crop of inferior quality, while peaches and other fruits, in many parts, are abundant.

THREE persons have been killed by cars on the Metropolitan street railway in Kansas City in less than three days, which proves carelessness on the part of the management or else the people thereabouts have little regard for their lives or limbs.

HEAVY rains continue to be reported from different parts of Kansas, doing great damage to growing crops and to wheat that has been harvested and yet in the fields. Downpours were reported Monday from Hutchinson, Eureka, Arkansas City and Lawrence.

THE Populist convention held in Springfield, Ill., adjourned Tuesday after nominating Thos. E. Watson of Georgia for president and Thomas Tribbles of Nebraska for vice-president. The platform adopted was not materially different from the Populist platforms of former years.

THE relief that was supposed would come to the Texas cotton-raisers by the introduction of the Guatemala red ant, which would destroy the boll-weevil, is likely to prove a delusion. It is claimed by Capt. Clark, a prominent planter, that the sting of the ant is deadly and will preclude the possibility of picking the cotton crop.

FOURTH of July accidents were reduced to the minimum this year owing, no doubt, to the fact that fireworks, giant fire-crackers and other dangerous combustibles were ruled out of St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City and some other cities. For the time being this was a great deprivation to the young Americans, but they had better lose a little fleeting pleasure than eyes or limbs.

A DREADFUL disaster occurred on the North Atlantic ocean July 3, north of the British Isles. The Danish vessel, the Norge, with nearly 700 passengers and crew, went down after striking a reef, known as Rockall. The vessel was bound from Copenhagen to New York and the passengers were emigrants to the United States. Among the passengers were 200 children. Over 100 of those who escaped in boats have been picked up by a British steamer.

A CYCLONE lifted a heavily loaded Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis train from the track, near Oakford, Ills., Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock and rolled down an embankment, killing the baggage-man and injuring a score of passengers. So sudden was the accident that the passengers had no time to move from their seats. Shattered glass and splinters caused most of the injuries. The lamps were burning but were extinguished before they set fire to the cars.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

As we go to press the national Democratic convention is on in St. Louis, but it is exceedingly uncertain as to who will be the nominees for president and vice-president. Parker of New York has the lead, and his friends claim for him the nomination on the first ballot, while his opponents say differently.

Hearst, Cockrell and several others have considerable following, but it is not likely that either of them will ever stand a chance of nomination.

That Cleveland has many friends in the convention there is no doubt, particularly in the East and South.

In case of a deadlock there is no telling where the nomination will fall. In the event of a tie-up Francis or Folk may possibly be the nominee.

Hon. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi was selected as the temporary chairman and before taking his seat made a speech nearly two hours long in which he arraigned the policy of President Roosevelt in scathing terms.

The exposition building in which the convention is held is crowded to its utmost capacity, causing seats to be greatly in demand. That building has not more than half the capacity of the Kansas City convention hall in which the national Democratic convention met in 1900.

A VAIN HOPE.

Some of the Republican papers express themselves as being hopeful of the result of the election in Missouri this year. That is, they have hopes of electing their state ticket because of dissensions among Democrats. No doubt but the wish is father to the thought. If they think there is sufficient disaffection among Democrats to enable them to step into the offices and resume control in Missouri they will find themselves sadly deceived. There may be some disgruntled over the ticket that will be nominated this year, but the dissatisfaction, if it exists at all, is among the boddlers and their allies who have good reasons for voting against Jos. W. Folk.

We do not believe the honest element of the Republican party want the Democratic boddling element to vote with them, and without them and the polling of the full strength of their own party there is no chance for Republican success in Missouri or anywhere else.

We predict that after the nomination of Democratic candidates for state offices, to be made at Jefferson City July 19, that very little discord will be heard of in Democratic ranks.

Besides, the Kansas City Journal and Globe-Democrat are much displeased with the state of affairs in their own party. The Journal speaks out in meeting and tells all about how it was that Kerns was turned down as national Republican committeeman and Akin, who has been Kerns' bitter rival for several years, given the place.

Akins is now holding two offices, those of national committeeman and assistant U. S. treasurer, and many of the Republican papers are calling loudly upon him to resign one or the other of the offices he holds, but it seems Akins is not built that way.

Besides holding onto a large slice of "Uncle Sam's pie," he wants to be in a position to distribute that much coveted dish in the shape of post-offices among his Republican friends. The K. C. Journal says it cost the nice little sum of \$11,000 to keep Daly of Kansas City out of being a national committeeman and to secure it for Akins.

Honesty among the better class of Republicans and dissensions in the ranks of their party in other quarters make Republican talk of carrying Missouri an idle dream and a vain hope.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

John Ely Perkins, an old Keytesville boy who has been traveling through Kentucky in the interest of the Chicago Portrait Co., came back and spent the glorious 4th with homefolks.

Baseball Excursion.

On account of baseball between Moberly and Chillicothe next Sunday, July 10, the Wabash will run an excursion from Moberly to Chillicothe. Special will pass Keytesville at 9:50 a. m. Round-trip tickets only 85 cts., good returning at 6 p. m. on date of sale or at 12:35 a. m. Monday, July 11.

Boy Drowned.

The COURIER is very sorry to learn that Sam, a 12 or 14-year-old son of J. R. Bixby of two miles northeast of Brunswick, was drowned in a pond on the old Gilliam farm Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock.

Sam and his brother Roy, and their cousin, Carl, a son of Joe Bixby, had gone bathing in the pond when Roy got beyond his depth, and Sam, in an effort to rescue Roy, was drowned himself.

After Roy and Carl got out of the water they went to a neighbor's and gave the alarm, but Sam Bixby was beyond the power of human aid when succor arrived.

His dead body was recovered a few hours afterward, and interment took place at Heiman cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The COURIER's tenderest sympathies are extended to the bereaved family.

Call for County Republican Convention.

A delegated convention of the Republican voters of Chariton county, Mo., is hereby called to meet at the opera-house in the city of Brunswick, in said county, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said convention. The basis of representation will be one delegate for every 25 votes and fraction of 13, cast in each township for Wm. McKinley for president at the general election in 1900.

Township meetings are hereby directed to be held at the usual voting precincts in each township in the county Saturday, July 30, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to attend the county convention, and for the purpose of re-organizing the township committee to serve for the next two years.

The Republican voters of the county and all other voters, who are willing to co-operate with the Republican party in an effort to secure a more strict enforcement of the law, cleaner politics and better state government, are respectfully invited to attend the township meetings and aid in the selection of delegates to the county convention.

The respective townships will be entitled to the following stated number of delegates in the county convention:

Bee Branch.....	3
Bowling Green.....	6
Brunswick No. 1.....	16
Brunswick No. 2.....	1
Chariton.....	8
Clark.....	2
Cockrell.....	2
Cunningham.....	7
Keytesville No. 1.....	4
Keytesville No. 2.....	4
Mendon.....	4
Missouri.....	4
Musselfork.....	2
Salisbury No. 1.....	5
Salisbury No. 2.....	7
Salt Creek.....	4
Triplet.....	4
Wayland.....	2
Yellow Creek.....	3
Total.....	88.

W. R. SWEENEY, Chairman,
O. F. SMITH, Acting Sec'y.

Live Stock Market.

Special to the COURIER.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Tuesday, July 5, 1904. It appeared at the opening of the market this morning that higher prices might be secured for cattle, as moderate runs were reported all around, and Chicago market was strong. Opening prices were a little better than Friday, but buyers were slow to take hold, and most of the sales were steady, with a few late sales somewhat lower than close of last week. As compared with a week ago, beef cattle of good quality are fully as high, medium to poor grades are 10 or 20 cents lower, stockers and feeders are not much changed, good to choice cows and heifers as high as at any time this year, possibly a little better than a week ago; veal calves are 50 cents higher, and bulls not much different, as compared with last week. Top steers brought \$6.15 to-day, but best are quotable from \$6.35 to \$6.40, others down to \$4.25; best grass steers around \$4.50, heifers \$4 to \$5.35, cows \$3 to \$4.60, stockers and feeders \$3 to \$4.75, veal calves up to \$4.75, stock calves up to \$4.50. Heavy summer and fall business is not expected to start in for a couple of weeks, and in the meantime prices should not change very much. It is conceded, however, that medium grades of cattle, including stockers and feeders, will soften up in prices when the big movement begins, while the best grades will probably remain high for a month or more, owing to present scarcity.

Hog prices were weak and draggy most of last week, but closed the week strong, and opened up this morning 5 to 10 cents higher. Top price was \$5.37 1-2, at which price six full loads were sold near the close of business to-day—a good promise for better prices later in the week. Bulk of sales were at \$5.15 to \$5.32 1-2, and weights below 200 pounds up to \$5.25, showing that all weights are advancing together.

After two weeks of discouraging sales, sheep and lamb prices are stronger to-day. The first grass Colorados of the season appeared and sold at \$4.25. Native ewes bring up to \$4, wethers \$4.50, yearlings \$5, spring lambs \$5.50 to \$6.50. Stock and feeding sheep and breeding ewes are wanted here, at prices from \$2.50 to \$3.25. J. A. RICKART, Live Stock Correspondent.

Osteopathy.

Dr. E. E. Townsend, osteopath of Kirksville, Mo., has opened an office at the Commercial hotel in Mendon and will be there Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Consultation and examination free.

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